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Applicant BARMAG AG		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 3 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.):

 the international application as originally filed. the description, pages 1,3-15, as originally filed,
pages _____, filed with the demand,
pages 2,2a, filed with the letter of 08 June 2000 (08.06.2000),
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____. the claims, Nos. 1-13,18, as originally filed,
Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,
Nos. _____, filed with the demand,
Nos. 14-17, filed with the letter of 08 June 2000 (08.06.2000),
Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____. the drawings, sheets/fig 1/5-5/5, as originally filed,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the demand,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

 the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

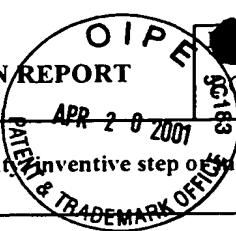
3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	5 - 12, 14 - 15, 18	YES
	Claims	1 - 4, 13, 16, 17	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1 - 18	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 18	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

1. This report makes reference to the following document:

(D1) US-A-5 173 310.

2. Document D1, which is considered to be the closest prior art, discloses all the features of Claims 1 and 16 (cf. D1, column 3, lines 18 - 22 and 44 - 49, and Figure 2).

The subjects of Claim 1 and Claim 16 are therefore not novel and hence do not meet the criterion specified in PCT Article 33(2).

3. Dependent Claims 2 - 15 and 17 and 18 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which said claims refer, meet the requirements of the PCT with regard to novelty and inventive step.